

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated ~~A~~ *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium comprising an expression cassette, the expression cassette comprising a promoter operably linked to polynucleotide encoding a signal sequence and a biologically-active polypeptide, wherein the biologically active polypeptide is expressed and is linked to a heterologous carboxyl terminal cell wall targeting region and wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises SEQ ID NO:7 or SEQ ID NO:8 or variants thereof in which LPQTG (SEQ ID NO:13) in SEQ ID NO:7 or SEQ ID NO:8 is replaced with LPQSG (SEQ ID NO:11), LPQAG (SEQ ID NO:12), or LPQTA (SEQ ID NO:14).

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the heterologous carboxyl terminal cell wall targeting region further comprises a charged sequence at the carboxyl terminus of the cell wall targeting region, wherein the charged sequence comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:23, and SEQ ID NO:24.

5. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium is a vagina-colonizing strain.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQSG (SEQ ID NO:11).

8. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQAG (SEQ ID NO:12).

9. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQTG (SEQ ID NO:13).

10. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises the amino acid sequence LPQTA (SEQ ID NO:14).

11. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises SEQ ID NO:7.

12. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the cell wall targeting region comprises SEQ ID NO:8.

13. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the biologically active polypeptide is expressed in the cell wall of the bacterium.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 1, wherein the biologically active protein binds to a pathogen when the biologically active protein is contacted with the pathogen.

16. (Withdrawn) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 15, wherein the pathogen is a bacterial pathogen.

17. (Withdrawn) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 15, wherein the pathogen is a fungal pathogen.

18. (Previously presented) The *Lactobacillus jensenii* bacterium of claim 15, wherein the pathogen is a viral pathogen.